GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4480
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2000
PENCH AND KANHAAN COAL AREAS
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the explosives are being kept in the trucks standing near the Pench and Kanhaan Coalareas of the Western Coal fields Ltd.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether incidents of theft of these explosives have taken place; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)&(d): An incident of theft of explosives from a portable magazine took place on 23.10.1997, where 627 detonators were stolen by some unidentified miscreants from Thesgora mine`s portable magazine. Subsequently25 detonators were recovered and taken into custody/charge.

Management of WCL lodgedFIR with PoliceStation, Amarwada, District Chhindwara, vide case no. 271/97 under Section 360 IPC. Further, departmental disciplinary action has been taken against security staff and magazine clerk on duty.

Police outpost, Singodi registered case no.273/97 under IPC286 read with Section 3B, 4, 5of Explosives Act against Manager, Thesgora Colliery and Manager, Mathani Colliery which is yet under trial in local Courts.